

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)

1           2. (currently amended) The method defined in claim  
2     [[1]] 9 wherein said filaments are produced with a spinnerette and  
3     are then cooled.

1           3. (original) The method defined in claim 2 wherein  
2     said filaments are collected on a continuously moved foraminous  
3     belt.

1           4. (original) The method defined in claim 3, further  
2     comprising drawing air through said belt from below said belt in a  
3     region at which said filaments are collected on said belt with at  
4     least one suction device.

1           5. (original) The method defined in claim 4 wherein  
2     said filaments are treated with said wetting agent after the  
3     filaments have been collected into a spun-bond web on said belt.

1           6. (original) The method defined in claim 5 wherein  
2     said wetting agent is a surfactant.

1           7. (currently amended) The method defined in claim 6  
2 wherein said spun-bond webs and the layer are [[is]]  
3 hydrodynamically consolidated by training water jets thereon.

.1           8. (new) A method of making a laminate comprising the  
2 steps of sequentially:

3           treating two spun-bond webs formed of endless  
4 thermoplastic synthetic-resin filaments with wetting agents;  
5           applying a layer of hydrophilic fibers to one of the  
6 treated spun-bond webs;

7           applying the other of the treated spun-bond webs on the  
8 layer of hydrophilic fibers on the one treated spun-bond web; and  
9           hydrodynamically consolidating together the two treated  
10 spun-bond webs and the layer of hydrophilic fibers between them.

1           9. (new) The method defined in claim 8 wherein the  
2 spun-bond webs are made by:

3           forming endless filaments of thermoplastic synthetic  
4 resin;

5           collecting the endless filaments; and  
6           precompacting the collected endless filaments.

1                   10. (new) The method defined in claim 9 further  
2   comprising the step of  
3                   bonding together the endless filaments at crossover  
4   points.